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Where Have They Been? Where Are They Going? Part II

In Part II of a three-part article, the LC *Information Bulletin* continues a report on the progress of departmental Human Relations Committees established in the Library in 1972. Stories submitted by members of the Copyright Office and Law Library committees appear in this issue; Part III, which will report on activities of the committees of the Congressional Research Service and the Office of the Librarian, will appear in the May 31 LC *Information Bulletin.*

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

Early in its existence, the Copyright Office Human Relations Committee realized the importance of keeping all Copyright staff members informed about its operation and concerns. A newsletter reporting committee activities and projects is issued irregularly and many of the topics discussed by the committee are selected from responses to HRC questionnaires distributed to staff members in the newsletter. A suggestion box has been installed to further encourage staff participation in the human relations program. Much of the committee's effectiveness is due to this constant interaction between staff members and their HRC representatives.

At the suggestion of the committee, an Orientation Course is held periodically at the Copyright Office to provide staff members with a better understanding of the total Copyright operation. The first course in the series began in February 1974.

The committee was also responsible for the installation of an additional telephone for staff and public use in the lobby of the Crystal Mall Annex, and for the placement of permanent, protected bicycle racks in an area adjacent to the annex.

Working toward improved food service in the

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TRAINING OFFICE INITIATES LANGUAGE TRAINING COURSES

Inhaltsverzeichnis. Revista. Feuillet. Druckvermerk. Have you ever had trouble with words like that when you've been searching the catalog or trying to translate a title page? Many staff members are kept from performing at peak efficiency or from taking on more responsible jobs by a lack of knowledge of a foreign language. Jerry Collins of the Training Office recognized this fact, but also realized that the kind of language course taught in a university was not the answer to 90 percent of the Library's needs. He therefore drew up plans for a program of language teaching tailored to the individual needs of the various departments of the Library, to be taught by Library staff members during regular working hours, and decided that German would be the language taught in a pilot course.

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A teacher had to be found in the Library who knew the language, knew the rules and regulations of the Library, understood the method of teaching by task, and had some experience of and interest in teaching. Fortunately available was Maria Laqueur, the Associate Catalog Editor of the NUC Publication Project in the Processing Department. A Library employee since 1965, Miss Laqueur has degrees in German language and literature from American University and spent one year of study at the University of Freiburg. She undertook to develop a course, still evolving as additional classes are held, which consists of an introduction to the German alphabet, pronunciation, capitalization, and so forth; a study of the grammatical elements of the language; the elements of bibliographic description; standard abbreviations; reference sources; and filing rules. Students are in class one hour a day, five days a week for six weeks; they use paperback dictionaries supplied by the Training Office and other materials created by the teacher. Teachers receive one hour of Library time for preparation for each hour of instruction, but of course devote much more of their own time to such preparation.

Three groups have completed the German course, the third having finished May 17. Of the total of 48 students completing the course, 7 are from Copyright, 16 from Reference, 2 from Law, and 23 from Processing.

The success of the German course led to the offering of courses in other languages. Katherine Elsasser, Descriptive Cataloger in the Processing Department, fluent in Spanish, French, and Portuguese, was discovered to have spent five years as a teacher, one as a teacher of college Spanish as a graduate teaching assistant and four as a teacher of French in New Orleans secondary schools. Adapting Miss Laqueur's German syllabus to the French language, she is developing a course in French, already offered to a class of 10 from the MARC Editorial Office and now being given to a second class of 14, 4 from Processing, 3 from Reference, and 7 from Copyright; that class will end June 13.

A Spanish course began on May 20, taught by Ramón González, Jr., a Legal Research Assistant in the Law Library, and a graduate of Florida State University with a major in Spanish. And on June 15, Mrs. Tatiana R. Yansen of the Shared Cataloging Division of the Processing Department, who was a teacher of Russian and Polish as well as a translator and interpreter for six years before coming to the Library, will begin a Russian course.

In fiscal year 1975, the Training Office plans to offer this kind of training to 400 people. While course outlines and other teaching materials are not now available for distribution, Mr. Collins and Miss Laqueur hope that such material, after further development and refinement, can be published for the benefit of libraries which would like to undertake similar instruction.

HOUDINI'S BIRTH DATA CORRECTED BY RESEARCHER

The LC *Information Bulletin* stated in its April 26 feature story on the Houdini exhibit that Houdini was born on April 6, 1874, in Appleton, Wis., as noted in numerous references and biographies. Milbourne Christopher, a professional magician, magic historian, and former President of the Society of American Magicians, has brought to our attention the discovery he made of records verifying Houdini's actual birth on March 24, 1874, in Budapest, Hungary. After seeing these records, Mr. Christopher detailed his findings in his book *Houdini: The Untold Story* (New York, Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., 1969).

CECIL HOBBS REAPPOINTED HONORARY CONSULTANT

Cecil Hobbs, Honorary Consultant on Southeast Asia to the Library of Congress and former Head of its Southeast Asia Section in the Orientalia Division, has been reappointed for three years to his position as Consultant.

Retirement in 1971 did not signify inactivity for Mr. Hobbs, a renowned figure in Southeast Asia studies. He has continued to travel extensively, collecting material for his books and articles, authoritative works in his field of study. [Earlier LC *Information Bulletin* stories announced the publication of Mr. Hobbs' *Southeast Asia Field Trip for the Library of Congress, 1970-71* (July 7, 1972 LC *Information Bulletin*); and his six-month appointment as Visiting Senior Librarian at the Australian National University (September 15, 1972 LC *Information Bulletin*).]

Mr. Hobbs will continue to serve the Library as advisor on the acquisition of materials in Southeast Asian studies, the preparation of bibliographic projects, and the maintenance of the Southeast Asia collection.

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Crystal City area, the committee established a channel for suggestions and complaints, insuring that the needs of Copyright staff members are made known to local restaurant management.

Physical conditions in the Copyright Office have been improved as a result of the committee's suggestions that old carpeting in elevators be replaced, the garage be cleaned, the ventilation in Copyright offices be improved, and the restrooms and cafeteria be better maintained.

Pending committee proposals include the continuation of shuttle bus service for the R.F.K. Stadium fringe parking area; allotment of time in an employees' regular tour of duty for preparation for the Copyright Office law course; the clarification of job requirements in LC postings; and a re-evaluation of the existing LC Affirmative Action Plan.

Members of the committee are Joseph C. Bogart, Chairman; Joan Athanas; Merleen Canty; Dorothy P. Harden; Josie Hawkins; Lela Beth LaRue; Eugene R. Lehr; Herman Lewis; Jeff Lubin; Otis McClees; Jim Rocca; Buddy Rowe; and Tim Sumrall.

LAW LIBRARY

Shortly after its formation, the committee drafted and circulated a questionnaire to all staff members in the Law Library to solicit views on five areas of interest: communication, working conditions, promotions, training and development, and supervisors. Forty-six of the 69 questionnaires distributed were returned (66 percent), and, as a result, six general proposals were made by the committee and dealt with (1) the requirement that supervisors inform a staff member of all proposed personnel actions of direct concern; (2) the extension of the already-existing reserved parking area along N. Capitol Street; (3) the regulation of the heat and ventilation in Law Library areas; (4) the expansion of the schedule for showing the film "What's the Matter with Alice," dealing with upward mobility; (5) the revision of curriculum for the LC supervisors course to include human relations; and (6) the practice of supervisors consulting with individual staff members when necessary, rather than waiting for the predetermined time for personnel evaluation. Resulting proposals dealing specifically with the needs of the Law Library were that (1) a departmental newsletter be established (*Law Laurels* was initiated in February 1973); (2) an internal orientation program be developed (implemented in March 1973); and (3) a coffee hour be held every three months where new employees can meet Law Library staff members and award, promotions, and events of interest can be announced (implemented January 1973).

Meetings with Library officials were scheduled to inform committee members on new LC programs and policies. Eugene Walton, Assistant Director of Personnel for Equality Programs, twice met with the group to discuss the study of employment testing in LC, conducted by the consulting firm of Lawrence Johnson and Associates, Inc., and the Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Plan for Fiscal Year 1974. The LCR on the discrimination complaints procedure was discussed in a meeting with Thomas Brackeen, Coordinator of the LC Equal Opportunity Office.

Other suggestions resulting from committee discussions and investigations were that (1) on-the-job training be provided a new staff member by the employee leaving the same position; (2) a lounge/snackbar be established for Law Library personnel; (3) division or section meetings be held on a regular basis; and (4) official time be granted employees for participation in the work of the Human Relations Committee.

Of current interest to the committee are the trans-

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BICENTENNIAL SYMPOSIUM CONVENED

The third Symposium on the American Revolution took place in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium on Thursday and Friday, May 9-10, as part of the Library's observance of the 200th anniversary of American Independence. An overflow crowd filled the Coolidge Auditorium for the symposium's three sessions, requiring the use of extra seating in the Whittall Pavilion where participants watched the proceedings on closed-circuit television.

The five symposia on the Bicentennial, scheduled to take place every spring between 1972 and 1976, are made possible by a grant from The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation of Washington, D.C.

Chairman of this year's meeting, devoted to the subject of "Leadership in the American Revolution," was Lyman H. Butterfield, Editor of *The Adams Papers* at the Massachusetts Historical Society and a member of the Library's Advisory Committee on American Revolution Bicentennial Programs.

The Thursday morning session opened with a welcome by Elizabeth Hamer Kegan, Assistant Librarian of Congress, under whose direction the Library's Bicentennial activities are carried out. Mr. Butterfield introduced Alfred H. Kelly, Professor of History at Wayne State University, who spoke on "Leadership in American History." In the Thursday afternoon sessions, Marcus F. Cunliffe, Professor of American Studies at the University of Sussex, and Gordon S. Wood, Professor of History at Brown University, delivered papers. Mr. Cunliffe's topic was "Congressional Leadership in the American Revolution," while Mr. Wood spoke on "The Democratization of Mind in the American Revolution."

The final session on Friday morning led off with a paper by R. Don Higginbotham, Professor of History at the University of North Carolina, on "Military Leadership in the American Revolution." He was followed by Bruce Mazlish, Professor of History at M.I.T., who discussed, "Leadership in the American Revolution: The Psychological Dimension."

The papers of this symposium will be published by the Library later this year. The proceedings of the first two symposia, *The Development of a Revolutionary Mentality* (1972) and *The Fundamental Testaments of the American Revolution* (1973) are available for $3.50 each (prepaid) from the Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. The 1975 and 1976 symposia will treat the topics of the impact of the American Revolution abroad and the incomplete Revolution.

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Thursday evening, May 9, speakers and participants were guests of the Library at a reception in the Great Hall, at which the Librarian, Mrs. Mumford, Mrs. Cafritz, and the Hon. John W. Warner, Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, also greeted Washington officials and members of the diplomatic community.

Pictured at symposium events are: (1) Mrs. Cafritz, Mrs. Mumford, and Mr. Warner in the receiving line; (2) Mr. Wood and Mr. Cunliffe before the first session; (3) Mr. Kelly on the stage of the Coolidge Auditorium; (4) Rear Admiral Edwin B. Hooper, Director of Naval History, Naval Historical Division, at the reception; (5) Mr. and Mrs. Martin Atlas; (6) Mrs. Kegan, Vladimir N. Orlov, First Secretary, Embassy of the USSR, and Mrs. Orlov; (7) James H. Hutson, LC's Coordinator of Bicentennial Programs, reviewing the lineup with chairman Butterfield; and (8) George R. Sanderson, Attaché (Education) of the British Embassy and Mrs. Sanderson.

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portation needs of LC employees, resulting from the energy crisis, and cafeteria service and maintenance.

Members of the committee are Mamoon Amin Zaki, Chairman; Celeste Falcone; Natalie Gawdiak; Ramón González; Mya Saw Shin; and Ernest Thomas.

LC DEALS WITH THE "ENERGY CRISIS"

In recent months, the Library of Congress has responded to the energy crisis by reducing the energy expenditure in its buildings, as reported in the January 18 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin;* in addition, conservation measures have included participating in a shuttle service to and from fringe parking areas for Capitol Hill employees and revamping its existing carpool program.

As national interest in carpooling increases, the LC program, along with many similar programs across the country, functions as an important attempt to conserve gasoline. Statistics indicate that commuter drivers make up the single largest gasoline consumer group in the United States, and that increased carpooling can help avert future shortages. Locally, in an effort to encourage pooling, the D.C. Department of Highways and Traffic has released figures which state that 220,000 cars a day could be taken off the streets of Washington, D.C., if the present statistic of 1.2 people per vehicle were increased to two per vehicle.

To encourage carpool participation on Capitol Hill, a computerized carpool program was conducted in January [see the February 1 LC *Information Bulletin*], at the end of which computer printouts were issued to survey participants enabling them to identify and contact other participants living in their area and having similar work schedules. The program supplemented the already-existing Library of Congress carpool program which is coordinated by the Administrative Department. Reserved street parking is assigned to LC carpools, with priority of assignment based on the size of membership (four or more persons riding together *to* and *from* work.) The combined length of LC service of a carpool membership is considered as a determining factor if it is impossible to accommodate all carpools of a particular size. To help identify LC carpool vehicles which have qualified for reserved street parking, red and blue decals (pictured at the right) will be issued by the Administrative Department to carpool drivers in the near future.

In contrast to the new carpools forming daily are three distinctive LC carpools which have been in existence for a number of years. Robert Land, GR&B, originated a carpool some years ago which he currently shares with Edward MacConomy, GR&B; Helen Miller, CRS; and Russell Smith, Mss. The members bring 94 1/2 years of Library service to their carpool. The second of these three noteworthy groups, the Robert Dunn (Orien)-Valentin Leskovsek (CRS L)-Roland Maheux (S&R)-Kenneth Rubinstein (Cat Publ)-Leon Seidner (Pers Opns) carpool, is currently searching for a sixth member. Hoping to broaden the perspective of the lively discussions which highlight their morning and evening commute, the five gentlemen, who share 82 years of LC service, are accepting applications from ladies with cars living in the Wheaton area who wish to join their group. Margaret Hull, Desc Cat, and Kay Sanborn occasionally take a back seat in the literal sense in their four-member carpool, but otherwise share equal responsibility for driving and debate with co-poolers George Atiyeh, Orien, and Herbert Sanborn, Exh. With its three LC employees, the group can claim 50 years of service.

To aid LC employees in their search for gasoline, the Human Relations Committee of the Reference Department has compiled the following list of gas stations located near Library of Congress buildings on Capitol Hill and outlying annexes.

GASOLINE STATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS BUILDINGS

Main and Annex Buildings		
Capitol Hill Gulf	2d & Mass. Ave., NE	543-9456
Capitol View	450 S. Capitol St.	544-7294
Capitol Hill Exxon	339 Pa. Ave., SE	547-4054
Billy's Texaco	1022 Pa. Ave., SE	543-6225
Southeast Ave. Exxon	1201 Pa. Ave., SE	546-6146
Fitzgerald's Sunoco	1248 Pa. Ave., SE	544-9524
Capitol Hill Texaco	1401 Pa. Ave., SE	543-4625
Lawler's Exxon	1500 Pa. Ave., SE	544-7116
Haynes' Shell	1550 Pa. Ave., SE	544-0133
Pa. Ave. Gulf	2300 Pa. Ave., SE	582-3340
Avenue Service	2305 Pa. Ave., SE	584-8688
Alert	950 S. Capitol St.	488-9872
Liberty Cabs Station (Exxon)	N.J. & E Sts., NE	544-4499

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Left: Carpool members (standing left to right) Mr. Seidner, Mr. Maheux, and Mr. Dunn. Seated are Mr. Leskovsek and Mr. Rubinstein.

Below: Left to right are Mr. Atiyeh, Mrs. Sanborn, Mrs. Hull, and Mr. Sanborn.

Above: Seal to be issued by the Administrative Department to LC carpool drivers.

Right: Pictured left to right are Mr. MacConomy, Miss Miller, Mr. Land, and Mr. Smith.

Crystal Mall Annex		
Crown Service (Alex)	3216 Jeff. Davis Hwy.	836-6722
Abdos Texaco (Alex)	3600 Jeff. Davis Hwy.	836-9499
Pent Marr Exxon (Arl)	355 Jeff. Davis Hwy.	979-1550
Pentagon Exxon (Arl)	1488 Jeff. Davis Hwy.	979-7744
Preston's American (Arl)	1750 Jeff. Davis Hwy.	920-9001
Highway Service (Arl)	2300 Jeff. Davis Hwy.	979-7733
Pickett Street Annex		
Cities Service	1105 Duke St.	836-1133
Poland's Gulf	1515 Duke St.	548-3331
Cox Exxon	1939 Duke St.	549-2218
Campos Texaco	2200 Duke St.	693-9478
Yates Mobile	2838 Duke St.	370-4115
Shirley Duke	4405 Duke St.	751-9616
Taylor Street Annex		
McQueens	3801 Ga. Ave., NW	722-9861
Thompson's Texaco	4000 Ga. Ave., NW	822-6708
Georgia Ave. Shell	4140 Ga. Ave., NW	829-2557
J. C. Woods Exxon	4501 14th St., NW	722-9889
Epp's Gulf	4531 14th St., NW	723-8073
Navy Yard Annex		
M Street Exxon	1022 M St., SE	543-1521
Thompson's Exxon	900 11th St., SE	543-2100
Naval Yard Shell	212 M St., SE	543-0991
Local Realtors Who Will Assist Employees Seeking Garage Rentals on Capitol Hill		
Barbara Held	222 7th St., SE	547-1228
Nicholas DiGiovanni	2711 33rd St., SE	581-9191
Buena Realty	9-8th St., SE	543-1480
Capitol Hill	1324 G St., SE	546-3400
Beau Bogan	900 Pa. Ave., SE	543-5545
William M. Sinclair Co.	617 Pa. Ave., SE	547-0600
Donohoe & Drury	220 7th St., SE	546-0800

Still uncertain is the future of fringe parking and shuttle service from R.F.K. Stadium, formerly operated on a trial basis by the Architect of the Capitol [see the LC *Information Bulletin* for September 21, 1973]. Language authorizing the Library to provide a modified shuttle service for such fringe parking was included in the second supplemental appropriations bill as passed by the Senate. That bill is now pending before the Conference Committee of both Houses. A similar request was made in hearings on the Library's request for funds for fiscal year 1975 before the Senate Subcommittee on Legislative Branch Appropriations, but that bill has not yet been reported out.

STAFF NEWS

AWARD

Esther R. Smith, a Library Technician in the Card Division, was presented a 25-year Federal Service Award pin by Paul E. Edlund, Chief of the division, on April 22.

Mrs. Smith began her Library career as a Clerk-Typist with the Legislative Reference Service on June 13, 1949. In January 1950 Mrs. Smith transferred to the Defense Research Division where she held positions as a Clerk-Typist, Stenographic Secretary, and Research Assistant.

In July 1965 Mrs. Smith transferred to the Card Division as a Searcher in the Orders Section, and has held successively responsible positions, including Catalog Maintenance Assistant and Reviser in the Arranging & Filing Unit, before promotion to her present position.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: William Rufus Cason, stack cleaner, WG-2, Bldgs, 18-100; Kevin Christison, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, 5-600; Eric R. Hill, mail clerk, GS-3, Cop Serv, 10-200; Anne M. McRae, master files assistant, GS-3, CRS L, 6642; Kathleen J. Mullen, editorial assistant, GS-5, CRS D, 6547; Enes L. Pauline, processing assistant, GS-3, Desc Cat, 6586; Carolyn L. Whitton, research assistant, GS-5, FRD, 6562.

Temporary Appointment: Linwood B. Carter, library aid, GS-3, Cop Serv, NP.

Promotion: Adam Schmidt, senior acquisitions librarian, GS-12, Ref, NP.

Resignations: Michael Gary Aiken, Loan; Maureen R. Bonney, R&T; Johanna T. Craig, Publ; Mary Ann Grandstaff, Photodup; William Brown Inglee, CRS R; Harry F. Lee, Jr., S&R; Harriet L. Patton, Card; Bradley P. Shelton, CRS L; Ronald E. Valentine, Cat Publ; Melvinia Paulette Wright, Place & Class.

Correction: Jeffery R. D. Crockett, whose promotion to senior research specialist in the Federal Research Division was announced in the May 3 LC *Information Bulletin*, was incorrectly identified as Jeffrey J. D. Crockett.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Edward Blume, Chief of the Subject Cataloging Division, was guest speaker on "Subject Analysis at the Library of Congress" at the Resources and Technical Services Division breakfast held during the annual meeting of the Kansas Library Association in Topeka on April 30.

On May 1 **Frank Kurt Cylke**, Chief of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, addressed students and faculty members at the University of Washington School of Librarianship. The following day he spoke at the 1974 Conference of the Washington Library Association in Yakima.

Mr. Cylke described the program designed to serve blind and physically handicapped individuals and stressed the importance of selection and current planning efforts. He urged public librarians in the State of Washington to promote existing services and to consider the possibilities of establishing subregional libraries. He said that "The Northwest remains virgin territory where subregional libraries are concerned and only awaits individual librarians with interest in establishing additional service and lending outlets."

On May 6, Mr. Cylke participated in the dedication of the recently renovated building designed to serve as Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Cylke indicated that budget, circulation, and other service statistics placed the Philadelphia Regional Library among the top three libraries in the United States serving the handicapped. Philadelphia pioneered in library service to the blind, during the early 1800's, by circulating early forms of tactile books to readers throughout the Eastern United States.

Marlene McGuirl, Chief of the American-British Law Division, Law Library, has instituted a program of teaching inmates at the District of Columbia Jail how to use legal textbooks and materials. Shortly after the November 1971 Supreme Court decision affirming the right of prisoners to have access to the courts, Mrs. McGuirl volunteered her experience and service to the D.C. Department of Corrections in starting a law library in each of the five local institutions.

Her first class of students have learned to file their own motions and consult legal materials. She hopes that the students in her weekly classes, which she began less than a year ago, will be able to use what they have learned to obtain jobs with law firms or civil service as library technicians. With her class at D.C. Jail completed, she is now teaching at the Women's Detention Center. In addition to these activities, Mrs. McGuirl is also a lecturer in library science at Catholic University of America.

The May 2 issue of the *Catholic Standard* featured Mrs. McGuirl and her work at the D.C. institutions.

Dr. Hamilton B. Webb, LC Medical Officer, has been appointed a member of the Air National Guard Medical Advisory Council. His appointment became effective on May 8. On May 17, Dr. Webb was guest speaker at graduation ceremonies for the U.S. Air Force Nurse Mid-wife Course, held at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. The six graduates comprise the second class to complete this unique course, the only one of its kind in the United States. Dr. Webb, who retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Brigadier General in 1973, includes among his many specialities aviation medicine.

Paul Winkler, Principal Descriptive Cataloger in the Descriptive Cataloging Division, led a meeting of the Washington/Baltimore Chapter of ARLIS/NA (Art Libraries Society/North America) held at the Library of Congress on May 8. At the workshop Mr. Winkler discussed problems of the artist as main entry, the description of exhibition catalogs, and entries for museums.

NEW REFERENCE WORK

A Guide to Practical Technological Forecasting, edited by James R. Bright and Milton E. F. Schoeman (Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1973. 651 p. T174.G84. $49.95), presents new materials that have emerged from industry, government, and academia since publication in 1968 of a pioneering volume on technological forecasting, also edited by Bright. A compendium of papers which, with three exceptions, were first presented before classes at the Industrial Management Center, Inc., the new volume is divided into five parts, each containing several chapters by different authors. The five parts are "Toward the Improvement of Technological Forecasting," "Advances in Technological Forecasting Techniques," "Technological Forecasting Applied to Current Problems," "Expanding the Scope of Technological Forecasting–The Interface with Other Environments," and "Organizing for Technological Forecasting." According to the editors, the volume presents a number of new forecasting theories and concepts. Discussed in the papers are such varied topics as forecasting public resistance to technology using the example of nuclear power reactor siting, trend extrapolation, relevance tree theory, dynamic modeling, economic input-output analysis, political forecasting, pollution control policy impact on raw materials, and the effects of value changes. The book is available for reference in the Science Reading Room. [*Catherine I. Bahn*]

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Former UNESCO Director-General Dies in Mexico City

Jaime Torres Bodet, the father of modern Mexican education and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization from 1948 to 1952, died recently at his home in Mexico City. He was 70 years old. Mr. Torres Bodet was the author of 33 books, including 15 collections of poetry, six novels, seven collections of essays, and had been working on the sixth volume of his memoirs.

COMING EVENTS

ALA/SAA Joint Meeting Set

Preservation of archival and library materials will be the topic of a session at the ALA Annual Conference scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, at 10 a.m. Sponsored by the Joint ALA/Society of American Archivists Committee on Library-Archives Relationships and by the ALA/RTSD Preservation of Library Materials Committee, the meeting will be devoted to reports and discussion of ways and means to insure preservation.

Speakers will be Fred Shelley, Deputy Executive Director of the National Historical Publications Commission; Charles G. LaHood, Chief of the Library of Congress Photoduplication Service; and George Cunha, Director of the New England Document Conservation Center. Frazer G. Poole, Assistant Director for Preservation, Library of Congress, will preside at the session and will lead off with a brief description of LC's preservation program.

The **University of Chicago** Graduate Library School will hold its 37th Annual Conference on "Differentiating the Media: A Focus on Library Selection and Use of Communication Content" on August 5-6, at the Center for Continuing Education, 1307 E. 60th St., Chicago, Ill. Person to contact: Lester Asheim or Sara I. Fenwick, Co-Directors of the conference.

APPOINTMENT

Milton S. Byam is resigning his position as Director of the District of Columbia Public Library system effective June 1, in order to accept an appointment as Director of the Queens Borough Public Library in New York; Mr. Byam has been Director of the D.C. Public Library system for the past two years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **National Endowment for the Humanities** has announced the creation of a National Planning Group to develop an American Issues Forum for observance of the Bicentennial; the Forum will consist of a national calendar of topics for discussion during the Bicentennial year, an idea first suggested by Walter Cronkite, one of the 10 members of the planning group. The other nine members are Daniel Aaron, Professor of English and American Civilization at Harvard University; Joan Ganz Cooney, President of Children's Television Workshop; Paul Foley, President of Inter-Public Group of Companies, Inc.; Charles Frankel, Old Dominion Professor of Philosophy and Public Affairs at Columbia University; Samuel Gould, President of the Institute for Educational Development; James F. Hoge, Editor of the *Chicago Sun-Times;* David Kennedy, Professor of History at Stanford University; Vito Perrone, Dean of the North Dakota Center for Teaching and Learning; and Gus Tyler, Assistant President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

The **American Library Association** Executive Board has issued a statement to be submitted to the President regarding the role of the Library of Congress and the appointment of the Librarian of Congress. The statement includes recommendations concerning the development of the Library's bibliographic and reference services and proposes the names of several persons suggested as candidates for Presidential appointment to the position of Librarian. The ALA suggestions include Page Ackerman, Librarian at the University of California at Los Angeles; Lillian Bradshaw, Director of the Dallas Public Library; Charles Churchwell, Associate Provost for Academic Services at Miami University (Ohio); Keith Doms, Director of the Free Library of Philadelphia; John G. Lorenz, Deputy Librarian of Congress; and Rutherford Rogers, Librarian of Yale University.

The University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Library and Information Science was selected for the third time since 1970 to participate in the State Department's Multi-Regional Librarian Project, designed to provide an introduction to American librarianship for participants, this year from the Bahamas, Germany, Guyana, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, Singapore, and Yugoslavia. The participants spent three weeks beginning May 6 at the University of Pittsburgh taking part in a series of seminars, lectures, discussion groups, and panel discussions. In the second phase of the program, the visiting librarians will serve one-month internships at

libraries throughout the United States. The month of July will be spent in travel and observation and will include attendance at the International Relations Round Table reception and sessions of the ALA Annual Conference in New York City.

The **Institute for Scientific Information** (ISI), in collaboration with System Development Corp., is providing information specialists, librarians, and researchers with on-line searches of journals in the life sciences. Further information on the service, to be called SCISEARCH, is available from Melvin Weinstock, ISI, 325 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19106.

A Book Exhibition has been scheduled for the **Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture** to be held next year in Lagos, Nigeria. The exhibition will include books on the achievements, history, and culture of black and African peoples and books on all subjects written by blacks. Authors wishing to make their works available for the exhibition should contact the International Committee of the Festival, Edward B. Kesselly, Vice President, Ministry of Information, Cultural Affairs and Tourism, Monrovia, Liberia.

AWARDS

Everett T. Moore, Associate University Librarian for Public Services at the University of California at Los Angeles, has won the 1974 Robert B. Downs Award for his outstanding contribution to intellectual freedom in libraries; the award, granted by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, was established in 1968 to honor Downs, Dean Emeritus of Library Administration at UIUC, on the occasion of his 25th anniversary with the university.

The **National Endowment for the Arts** has awarded 154 fellowships to writers from 33 States and the District of Columbia; each fellowship is for $5,000, making the total amount of the program for fiscal 1974 $770,000. William Stafford, Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress in 1970-71, is a member of the Endowment Literature Advisory Panel.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The American National Standards Institute Z39 Subcommittee has recently issued two new publications, *The American National Standard Guidelines for Thesaurus Structure, Construction, and Use* (order No. Z39.19-1974. $4.50) and *The American National Standard for Book Numbering* (No. Z39.21-1973. $3.); both books are available from ANSI, 1430 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10018.

The *1973 Annual Report* of the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Council on the Arts (122 p. $1.60) is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402; in limited numbers free copies may be obtained from the Program Information Office of the Endowment.

The Ohio State Library, 65 S. Front St., Columbus, Ohio 43215, has issued the proceedings of the Ohio Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services, held on April 2 in Columbus, in the publication *Libraries Are for People* (20 p.)

The Central Management Library of the Civil Service Department, London, has issued a five-year cumulative list of publications entitled *Published by CSD 1968-1973: A Subject Guide to the Literature Issued by the Civil Service Department.* The list covers the period from the inception of the Department on November 1, 1968 to December 31, 1973. Publications issued only by the various agencies of the Civil Service Department are listed, as well as those distributed by Her Majesty's Stationery Office. The Central Management Library hopes to issue the publications list annually, cumulating information contained in the monthly lists for the calendar year. The monthly lists were initiated in January 1973.

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